

A Mathematical Model For Interaction Macrophages, T Lymphocytes and Cytokines at Infection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis with Age Influence

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Abstract. Tuberculosis (TB) is still a health problem in the world, because of the increasing prevalence and treatment outcomes are less satisfactory. This is presumably due to a complete lack of understanding of the role of the immune system to infection Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb). Currently it is known that the immune response plays a role in controlling the development of the germ cells are macrophages, T lymphocytes and cytokines. This study has made a mathematical model of the interaction between macrophages, T lymphocytes and cytokines with Mtb infection in the lungs. Effect of age was observed through disparate data, young (3 months) and old (18 months). Runge Kutta method order-4 is used to solve the system of non-linear differential equations of the first order. Growth of bacteria (extracellular and intracellular) tends to increase up to 3 months, either in old mice and young mice. Behavior of T cells dropped drastically. Concentration of IL-2 and IL-4 is likely to increase at the beginning of infection, TNF- α , IL-10, IFN- γ and IL-12 increased. Resting macrophages tend to fall, infected macrophages tended to rise and activated macrophages fluctuate in the first 3 months.

Key-Words: *mathematical models, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, macrophages, T lymphocytes, cytokines.*

1. Introduction

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb) and infected almost a third of the world population. An approximated 8.9 million people with TB with 3 million people die per year. Indonesia is the third country in the world in order of the number of TB patients after India (30%) and China (15%) with a percentage of 10% of the total TB patients in the world.

A cell-mediated immune response is essential for control of Mtb in the lungs particularly macrophages and T lymphocytes. Alveolar macrophages that serve as a haven for bacteria as well as to eliminate the bacteria. Eliminates bacteria depends on cytokines IFN- γ , TNF- α , IL-2, IL-10 secretion by T cell. T lymphocytes have two important roles in TB infection. First, produce a variety of cytokines in the development of cell-mediated immune response. Second, eliminate infected macrophages through the process of apoptosis. There are four mechanisms of CD8+ T cells contribute to the control of Mtb: (1) the release of cytokines, (2) cytotoxicity via the granule-dependent exocytosis, (3) mediated cytotoxicity in Fas / Fas ligand interaction, and (4) Directly active as microbicidal. Activity cytotoxic of CD8+ T cells in the process of apoptosis through Fas - Fas ligand pathway and killing through perforin and granulysin. In humans, CD8+ T cells can kill bacteria through the release of intracellular antimicrobial peptide granulysin [3]. CD4+ T cell contributes to TB infection activates macrophages through the production of various cytokines, such as IL-10 and IFN- γ for the lysis of infected macrophages. Increased activation of macrophages in fagocytosis can eliminate extracellular bacteria, while lysis process serves chronically infected macrophages to release Mtb [2].

Interleukin-10 (IL-10) is a cytokine that is immunoregulator. These cytokines play an important role in down-regulation, including inhibition of macrophage activation. Besides, IFN- γ is a cytokine that is essential in activating macrophages to eliminate Mtb and involved in the process of Th0 into Th1 differentiation. Another important cytokine is IL-4 and IL-12. IL-12 is a key cytokine for Th1 type. This cytokine is produced by activating macrophages and infected macrophages in-clicking antigen stimulation. IL-12 as well as the regulator primarily to induce differentiation into Th1 lymphocytes, suppress the production of IFN- γ . Cytokine IL-4 is a Th2 cell prototype. These cytokines are also involved in the process of Th0 into Th1 differentiation. The role of IL-4 in tuberculosis infection is still controversial.

Mathematical models of Mtb infection in humans and mice were developed by Wigginton [4]. The model that has been developed is not directly involve cytokines IL-2 and TNF- α as well as CD8 + T lymphocytes. Whereas

cytokines $\text{TNF-}\alpha$ and $\text{CD8} + \text{T}$ lymphocytes in TB infection is very important. On TB infection, cytokines $\text{TNF-}\alpha$ synergize with $\text{IFN-}\gamma$ in activating macrophages in producing various kinds of substances that can suppress the growth of Mtb.

Mathematical models of Mtb infection in humans and mice were developed by Friedman [7] with the involvement of the influence of age. The model does not directly involve the cytokines IL-4, $\text{TNF-}\alpha$, and resting macrophages. Whereas IL-4 inhibits activated macrophages, while macrophages and resting circulating equilibrium disrupted by activated macrophages and infected macrophages such resting macrophages depend on time.

This study makes a mathematical model interactions, immune system and Mtb involving populations of CD4^+ , CD8^+ T cell; cytokines include interleukin-12 (IL-12), IL-4, IL-10, IL-2, $\text{TNF-}\alpha$ and $\text{IFN-}\gamma$; infected macrophages, resting macrophages and activated macrophages, the bacteria comprising the extracellular bacteria and intracellular bacteria involving the influence of age.

2. Material and Methods

2.1 Material

2.1.1 The Mathematical Model

Mathematical model of the interaction of macrophages and T lymphocytes forms a system of nonlinear differential equations of the first order. The model consists of 13 equations: three equations macrophages, six equations cytokines, two equations T lymphocytes, two equations bacteria. Explanations and models are given below.

2.1.2 The model equations

Macrophage dynamics. The equation that describes the rate of change of macrophage populations during Mtb infection is given in (1) - (3).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_R(t)}{dt} = & sr_M + \alpha_{4A}(M_A(t) + w_2 M_I(t)) + sr_{4B} \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F_\alpha(t) + f_8 I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) \\ & - k_2 M_R(t) \left(\frac{B_E(t)}{B_E(t) + c_9} \right) - k_3 M_R(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + f_1 I_4(t) + s_1} \right) \left(\frac{B_T(t) + \beta F_\alpha(t)}{B_T(t) + \beta F_\alpha(t) + c_8} \right) \dots \dots \dots (1) \\ & - \mu_{MR} M_R(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_A(t)}{dt} = & k_3 M_R(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + f_1 I_4(t) + s_1} \right) \left(\frac{B_T(t) + \beta F_\alpha(t)}{B_T(t) + \beta F_\alpha(t) + c_8} \right) - k_4 M_A(t) \left(\frac{I_{10}(t)}{I_{10}(t) + c_3 I_\gamma(t) + c_4} \right) \\ & + k_{3A} M_I(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + a_2} \right) - \mu_{MA} M_A(t) \dots \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_I(t)}{dt} = & k_2 M_R(t) \left(\frac{B_E(t)}{B_E(t) + c_9} \right) - k_{17} M_I(t) \left(\frac{B_I(t)^2}{B_I(t)^2 + (N M_I(t))^2} \right) - k_{14b} M_I(t) \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F_\alpha(t) + f_9 I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) \\ & + k_4 M_A(t) \left(\frac{I_{10}(t)}{I_{10}(t) + c_3 I_\gamma(t) + c_4} \right) - k_{3A} M_I(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + a_2} \right) - k_{14a} N N_{frac} \left(\frac{M_I(t)(T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))}{c_4 M_I(t) + (T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))} \right) \\ & - \mu_{MI} M_I(t) \dots \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Explanation:

Changes in resting macrophages (1) influenced by the production of alveolar macrophages (sr_M), move from activated macrophages α_{4A} and infected macrophages $w_2 \cdot \alpha_{4A}$ ($0 < w_2 < 1$), with the help of TNF- α on the recruitment rate sr_{4B} , the changes become infected macrophages k_2 , activated macrophages k_3 as well as changes to the natural mortality rate μ_{MR} respectively. Changes activated macrophages (2) is affected by a change in resting macrophages become activated k_3 , activated macrophages undergo deactivation k_4 , changes become infected macrophages become activated k_{3A} , and the rate of natural mortality μ_{MA} . Changes in infected macrophages (3) consecutive influenced by changes in resting macrophages become infected macrophages k_2 , infected macrophages undergo a process of release k_{17} , changes in infected macrophages become activated macrophages k_4 , infected macrophages become activated macrophages k_{3A} , infected macrophages undergo apoptosis k_{14a} as well as the rate of natural mortality μ_{MA} .

Cytokines dynamics. Equation that describes the rate of change in cytokine concentrations given in (4) - (9).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_{10}(t)}{dt} = & \delta_7 M_A(t) \left(\frac{s_6}{I_{10}(t) + f_6 I_\gamma(t) + s_6} \right) + k_{7av} M_I(t) \left(\frac{c_{7a}}{I_{10}(t) + c_{7a}} \right) \\ & + \alpha_{16} T_4(t) + \alpha_{18} T_8(t) - \mu_{I10} \cdot I_{10}(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF_\alpha(t)}{dt} = & \alpha_{30} M_I(t) + \alpha_{31} M_A(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t) + \beta_2 B_T(t)}{\beta_2 B_T(t) + I_\gamma(t) + f_1 I_4(t) + f_7 I_{10}(t) + s_{10}} \right) + \alpha_{32} T_4(t) \\ & + \alpha_{33} T_8(t) - \mu_{F_\alpha} \cdot F_\alpha(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_\gamma(t)}{dt} = & s_s \left(\frac{B_T(t)}{B_T(t) + c_{10}} \right) \left(\frac{I_{12}(t)}{I_{12}(t) + s_7} \right) + (\alpha_u T_4(t) + \alpha_y T_8(t)) \left(\frac{I_{12}(t) + M_A(t)}{I_{12}(t) + M_A(t) + f_4 I_{10}(t) + s_4} \right) \\ & + \alpha_{5c} M_I(t) - \mu_{I_\gamma} \cdot I_\gamma(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(6)$$

$$\frac{dI_{12}(t)}{dt} = \alpha_{23} M_R(t) \left(\frac{B_E(t)}{B_E(t) + c_{23}} \right) + \alpha_{81} M_A(t) \left(\frac{c_{81}}{c_{81} + I_{10}(t)} \right) - \mu_{I12} I_{12}(t) \quad \dots(7)$$

$$\frac{dI_2(t)}{dt} = k_{10} T_4(t) - (k_{11} T_4(t) + k_{12} T_8(t)) \left(\frac{I_2(t)}{I_2(t) + c_{100}} \right) - \mu_{I2} I_2(t) \quad \dots(8)$$

$$\frac{dI_4(t)}{dt} = \alpha_{112} T_4(t) - \mu_{I4} I_4(t) \quad \dots(9)$$

Explanation:

IL - 10 (4) is produced mainly by activating macrophages with the rate δ_7 , this process is inhibited by IFN- γ and IL -10. IL - 10 is also produced by infected macrophages at a rate of k_{7av} , the rate of CD4 + lymphocytes α_{16} and CD8 + T cell α_{18} as well as on the rate of degradation at rate of μ_{I10} . TNF- α (5) is produced by macrophages infected with the rate α_{30} , TNF- α is produced by activated macrophages with rate α_{31} , this process is inhibited by IL - 4 and IL - 10. TNF- α is also produced by CD4 + T cell at a rate of α_{32} and on the rate of CD8 + T cell α_{33} as well

as on the rate of degradation μ_{F_α} . IFN- γ (6) is produced by Natural Killer cells (NK) in the rate s_g . IFN- γ is also produced by CD4 + T cell and the rate of CD8 + T cell in the rate of IFN- γ produced by infected macrophages at a rate of α_u and on the rate of degradation μ_{I_γ} . IL-12 (7) is produced by resting macrophages in response infection at a rate of α_{23} , also produced by activated macrophages at a rate of α_{81} and degradation at a rate of $\mu_{I_{12}}$. IL - 2 (8) is produced by CD4 + T cells and the rate k_{10} of consumption by CD4 + T cells and CD8 + at different speeds k_{11} and k_{12} as well as degradation rate μ_{I_2} . IL-4 (9) only produced by CD4 + T cells and degraded at a rate of μ_{I_4} .

T cell dynamics. For T cell dynamics given in Equation (10) – (11).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT_8(t)}{dt} = & \lambda_x (M_A(t) + w_2 M_I(t)) I_{12}(t) + s_r \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F_\alpha(t) + f_8 I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) + k_{44} T_8(t) \left(\frac{I_2(t)}{I_2(t) + c_{100}} \right) \\ & - \mu_{T_{cy}} T_8(t) M_A(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + c} \right) - \mu_{T_8} T_8(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT_4(t)}{dt} = & \lambda_z M_A(t) I_{12}(t) + s_{r_{3B2}} \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F_\alpha(t) + f_8 I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) + k_{13} T_4(t) \left(\frac{I_2(t)}{I_2(t) + c_{110}} \right) \\ & - \mu_{T_\gamma} T_4(t) M_A(t) \left(\frac{I_\gamma(t)}{I_\gamma(t) + c} \right) - \mu_{T_4} T_4(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(11)$$

Explanation :

CD8 + T cells (10) arrive at infection at a rate of λ_x . Recruitment of CD8 + T cells at the rate s_r , proliferation of IL-2 on the rate k_{44} , the induction of CD8 + T cell apoptosis in the rate $\mu_{T_{cy}}$, and the rate of natural mortality μ_{T_8} . CD4 + T cells (11) arrive infections at the rate λ_z . Recruitment of CD8 + T cells at the rate $s_{r_{3B2}}$, proliferation of IL-2 on the rate k_{13} , the induction of CD8 + T cell apoptosis in the rate μ_{T_γ} , and the rate of natural mortality μ_{T_4} .

Bacterial dynamics. For bacterial dynamics given in Equation (12) – (13).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB_E(t)}{dt} = & \alpha_{20} B_E(t) - k_5 M_A(t) B_E(t) - n_3 k_2 M_R(t) \left(\frac{B_E(t)}{B_E(t) + c_9} \right) \\ & + k_{14a} N.N_{frac} \left(\frac{M_I(t)(T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))}{c_4 M_I(t) + (T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))} \right) + k_{17} N.M_I(t) \left(\frac{B_I^2(t)}{B_I^2(t) + (N.M_I(t))^2} \right) \\ & + k_{14b} N.M_I(t) \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F_\alpha(t) + f_8 I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) + \mu_I B_I(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB_I(t)}{dt} = & \alpha_{19} B_I(t) \left(1 - \frac{B_I^2(t)}{B_I^2(t) + (N \cdot M_I(t))^2} \right) + n_3 \cdot k_2 M_R(t) \left(\frac{B_E(t)}{B_E(t) + c_9} \right) \\ & - k_{17} N \cdot M_I(t) \left(\frac{B_I^2(t)}{B_I^2(t) + (N \cdot M_I(t))^2} \right) - k_{14a} N \left(\frac{M_I(t)(T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))}{c_4 + M_I(t) + (T_8(t) + w_3 T_4(t))} \right) \\ & - k_{14b} N \cdot M_I(t) \left(\frac{F_\alpha(t)}{F(t)_\alpha + f_8 \cdot I_{10}(t) + s_{4b}} \right) - \mu_I B_I(t) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(13)$$

Explanation:

Extracellular bacteria growing at the rate α_{20} . The bacteria are killed by activated macrophages at rate k_5 and resting macrophages at a rate k_2 , infected macrophages undergo apoptosis k_{14a} , infected macrophages undergo apoptosis (k_{17}), TNF- α induced apoptosis of infected macrophages with intracellular bacteria natural mortality rate μ_I .

2.2 Methods

2.2.1 Computer simulations

Numerical simulations are used in a mathematical model to obtain the behavior of each variable is the Runge Kutta method of order 4 with Program Matlab version 7.0.

2.2.2 Parameter values

All the variables and parameters used in equations (1) - (13) are given in the table. Table 1 contains the initial value derived from Friedman, 2008 and Sud, 2006. Table 2 contains the parameter differences between young mice and old mice. Table 3 contains all of the parameters used in equations (1)-(13). When no data is available, was estimated, average, Adjustment or proportional data. Numerical simulation started on day 7 after Mtb infection. The units used for the cell is the number of cells per milliliter of bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), whereas the concentration of cytokines was picograms per milliliter of BAL.

The rate of growth and decay (α_{19} , α_{20} , μ_{I4} , μ_{I12} , μ_{I10} , μ_g) is given by using the following standard formula

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = r \cdot N(t) \quad \text{to get} \quad r = \frac{\ln 2}{\text{Lifetime}}$$

3. Results

Based on the mathematical model equations (1) - (13), used Runge Kutta order 4, Table 1,2 and 3 as well as using Matlab.7.0 software (see figure 1 and 2).

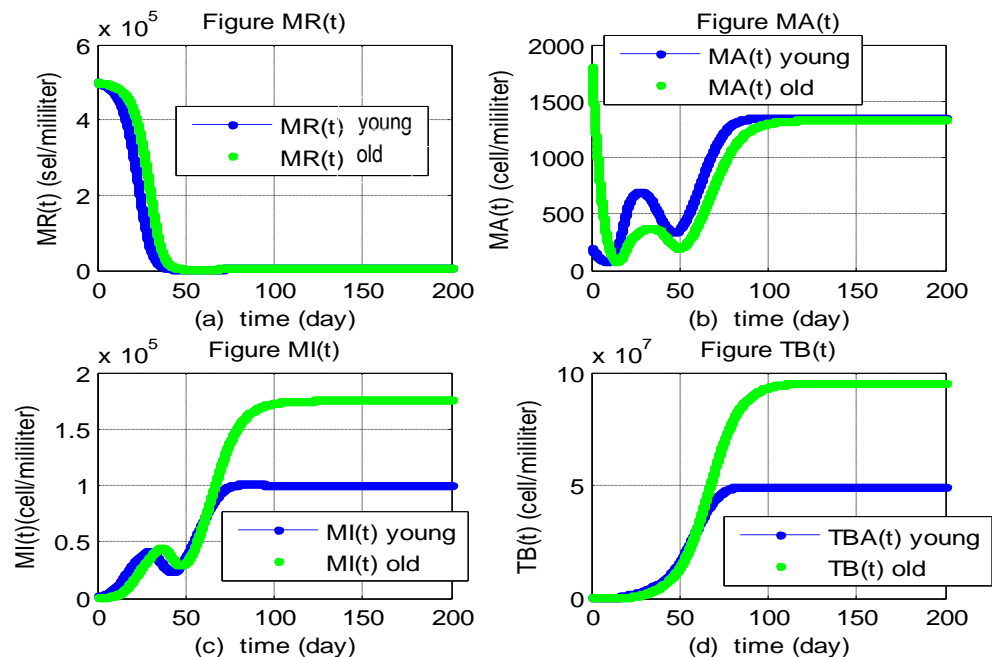


Figure 1 Simulation result of total bacteria(TB), Resting macrophages (MR), infected macrophages (MI) and activated macrophages (MA) without $TNF-\alpha$

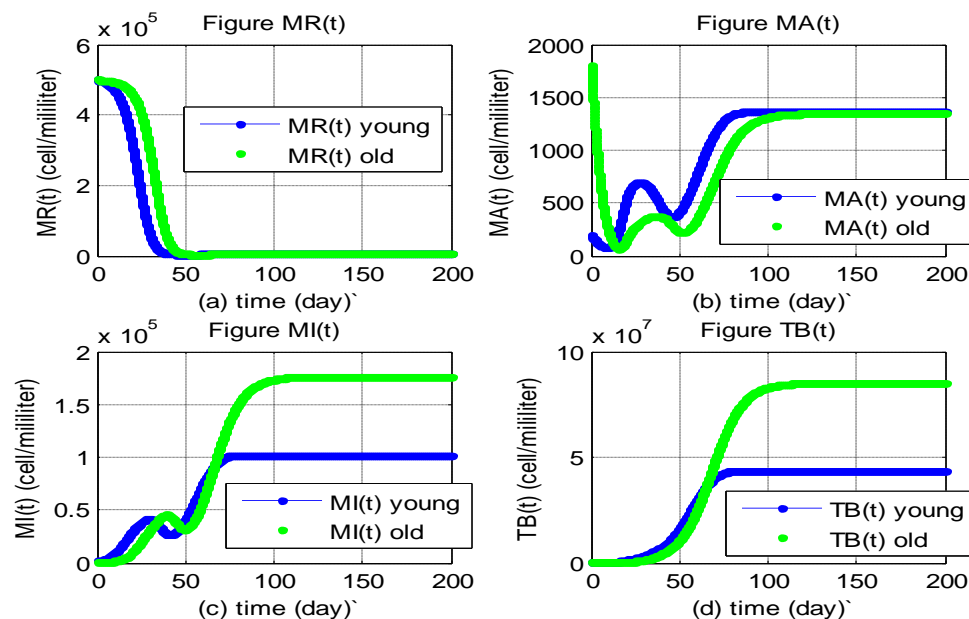


Figure 2 Simulation result of total bacteria (TB), Resting macrophages (MR), infected macrophages (MI) and activated macrophages (MA) with $TNF-\alpha$.

Figure 1 behavior of macrophages and total bacteria. Figure 1 and 2 consist of a). Resting macrophages for young and old mice. b). Activated macrophages for the young and old mice. c) Infected macrophages are higher in young mice in the first month. d) The behavior of higher total bacterial old mice after a month-3. Figure 2 is the behavior of macrophages and total bacteria involved. Bacterial growth is likely to increase up to 3 months, both young mice and old mice to bacterial counts higher than the number of bacteria in a mouse model. Total higher when bacteria when compared to without involving. Drawings for lymphocytes T CD4 + and CD8 + as well as cytokine not displayed.

4. Conclusion

- 1) Mathematical model of the interaction of macrophages with T cells in response to infection of Mtb in human form a system of ordinary differential equations, nonlinear involving 13 variables, namely macrophages (resting macrophages, activated macrophages and infected macrophages), T lymphocytes (CD4 + T cells and CD8 + T cells) and cytokines (IL-2, IL-4, IL-10, IL-12, IFN- γ , TNF- α) and bacterial extracellular and intracellular bacteria.
- 2) Bacterial growth is likely to increase up to 3 months, both young mice and old mice and old mice to bacterial counts higher than the number of bacteria in young mice.
- 3) Decreased number of T cells (CD4 + T cells and CD8 + T cells) when the case without the case with TNF- α and TNF- α and IL-4 mice both young and old rats. For the case without TNF- α and IL-4, increase the number of T cells (CD4) cells and CD8 + T cells) mice both young and old mice.
- 4) Cytokine IL-10, TNF- α and IFN- γ , likely to increase, both young mice and old mice, while IL-4 and IL-2 tended to decrease.
- 5) Resting macrophages decreased dramatically, is caused by resting macrophages and migrate to infected macrophages and activated macrophages, infected macrophages tended to increase at the beginning of infection, activated macrophages is fluctuate, both young mice and old mice.

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Table I. Variables and initial values [3,7]

Symbol	Description	Young	Old	Unit
M_R	Density of resting macrophages	5.10^5	5.10^5	Cell/ml
M_A	Density of activated macrophages	200	1800	Cell/ml
M_I	density of infected macrophages	1800	200	cell/ml
I_2	concentration of Interleukin-2	10	5	pg/ml
I_4	concentration of Interleukin-4	5	5	pg/ml
I_{12}	concentration of Interleukin-12	50	200	pg/ml
I_{10}	concentration of Interleukin-10	100	50	pg/ml
$TNF\ \alpha$	concentration of $TNF\ \alpha$	5	5	pg/ml
$IFN-\gamma$	concentration of $IFN-\gamma$	5	5	pg/ml
T_4	density of CD4+ T cells	2.10^5	10^5	cell/ml
T_8	density of CD8+ T cells	8.10^4	8.10^4	cell/ml
B_E	density of extracellular bacteria	1000	1000	cell/ml
B_I	density of intracellular bacteria	36000	4000	cell/ml

Table 2. Different parameters between young and old [7]

Symbol	Description	Young	Old
λ_x	rate of Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) I activation	0,005266 ml/pg/day	0,0022854 ml/pg/ day
K_3	activation rate of infected macrophages	0,023415/ day	0,02544/day
K_4	deactivation rate of activated macrophages	0,28876/ day	0,61707/day
K_6	rate of activation of resting macrophages	0,077068/ day	0,13539/ day
K_7	IL-10 production rate by infected macrophages	0,5061/ day	0,55044/ day
K_8	IL-12 production rate by activated macrophages	0,28503/ day	0,53162/ day
K_9	IL-12 production rate by resting macrophages	5.10^{-4} pg/cell/ day	0.001 pg/ cell day
K_{10}	IL-2 production rate by CD4+ T cells	$2.1873.10^{-4}$ pg/cell/ day	$1.7301.10^{-4}$ pg/ cell day
K_{11}	loss of IL-2 due to proliferation of CD4+ T cells	$1.6383.10^{-4}$ pg/sel/ day	$1.4788.10^{-4}$ pg/ cell day
K_{12}	loss of IL-2 due to proliferation of CD8+ T cells	$1.6383.10^{-5}$ pg/cell/ day	$1.413.10^{-5}$ pg/ cell day
K_{13}	rate of proliferation of CD4+ T cells by IL-2	0.1638 pg/cell/ day	0.14789 pg/ cell day
K_{14}	rate of proliferation of CD8+ T cells by IL-2	0.01638 pg/cell/ day	0.01413 pg/ cell day

Table 3. Parameter values [3,7]

Symbol	Description	Range (Value)
α_8	IL-12 production by MA	8×10^{-5} pg/ MA/day
α_{30}	$TNF-\alpha$ production by MI	$10^{-3} - 2 \times 10^{-2}$ (3×10^{-3}) pg/ml MI day
α_{5c}	$IFN-\gamma$ production by MI	0.0002-0.0006 (0.0003) pg/ml MI
α_{4A}	TNF -independent recruitment of MR	5×10^{-2} / day
α_{23}	IL-12 production by MR	$2.75 \times 10^{-5} - 2.75 \times 10^{-4}$ (2×10^{-4}) pg/ml MR
α_{31}	$TNF-\alpha$ production by MA	$0.3 \times 10^{-4} - 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ (4×10^{-3}) pg/ml MA day
α_{32}	$TNF-\alpha$ production by CD4+ T cells	8.16×10^{-4} pg/ml CD4/ day
α_{33}	$TNF-\alpha$ production by CD8+ T cells	$0.6 \times 10^{-4} - 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$ (0.5×10^{-4}) pg/ml CD8/ day
Sr_{3B2}	TNF -dependent recruitment of CD4+ T cells	10^3 / day

S_{r4B}	TNF-dependent recruitment of MR	2×10^4 MR/ day
f_9	Ratio adjustment, TNF- α /IL10	1 - 100 (50)
f_7	Effect of IL-10 on IFN- γ -induced CD4+ T cells	1
f_8	Ratio Adjustment, IL-10/TNF- α on MR Recruitment	1 – 100 (1)
S_{4b}	Half-sat, TNF- α on MR recruitment	138 – 556 (200) pg/ml/ day
C_{23}	Half-sat, BT on IL-12 by MR	10^3 - 5×10^6 (5×10^3) BT/ml
w_2	Max, percentage contribution of MI-produced chemokines to MR recruitment	0.15
μ_{Ty}	IFN- γ induced apoptosis rate of CD4+ T cells	10^{-5} – 10^{-3} (10^{-4}) /MA day
μ_{BI}	BI turnover to BE due to MI death, other mechanisms	0 - 0.005 (0.004)/ day
μ_{TNF}	decay rate of TNF- α	1.112/ day
k_{14a}	Fas-FasL-induced apoptosis of MI	0.01 - 0.1 (0.1) / day
k_{14b}	TNF induced apoptosis of MI	0.1 - 0.8 (0.1) / day
s_{10}	Half-sat, IFN- γ on TNF- α production by MA	50 - 100 (80) pg/ml
δ_7	IL-10 production by MA	0.001 - 0.01 (0.01) pg/ml MA
α_{20}	BE growth rate	0 - 0.26 (0.05) / day
α_{19}	BI growth rate	0.17 - 0.6 (0.4) / day
α_{16}	IL-10 production by CD4+ T cells	10^{-4} – 10^{-3} (2×10^{-2}) pg/CD4 day
S_{rM}	MR recruitment rate	600 - 1000 (1000) MR/ day
f_6	Adjustment, IFN- γ on IL-10	0.025-0.053 (0.025)
f_4	Adjustment, IL-10/IL-12 on IFN- γ	0.76 - 3.2 (2)
f_1	Adjustment, IL-4/IFN- γ	3 - 410 (200)
s_2	Half sat., IL-4	1 - 10 (5) pg/ml
s_6	Half-sat, IL-10 self-inhibition in MA	51 - 60 (60) pg/ml
s_4	Half-sat, IL-12 on IFN- γ	50 - 100 (50) pg/ml
s_7	Half-sat, IL-12 on IFN- γ by NK cells	5 – 100 (40) pg/ml
s_1	Half-sat, IFN- γ on MR to MA	50 – 110 (70)
c_9	Half-sat, BE on MR infection	10^6 - 10^7 (2×10^6) BE
c_8	Half-sat, BT on MR activation	5×10^4 – 5×10^5 (10^5) B _T /ml
c_4	Half-sat, T cells /MI ratio for MI lysis	1 – 60 (40) T/MI
c_{10}	Half-sat, bacteria on IFN by NK cells	10^3 – 10^4 (10^3) BT/ml
μ_{MR}	death rate of MR	0.0033/ day
μ_{MI}	death rate of MI	0.0011/ day
μ_{MA}	death rate of MA	0.07/ day
$\mu_{I\gamma}$	decay rate of IFN- γ	2.16 - 33.2 (2.16) / day
μ_{I4}	decay rate of IL-4	2.77/ day
μ_{I10}	decay rate of IL-10	3.7 - 7.23 (5) / day
μ_{I12}	decay rate of IL-12	1.188/ day
k_2	MR infection rate	0.2 - 0.4 (0.4) / day
k_3	MR activation rate	0.2 - 0.4 (0.1) / day
k_{17}	Max. MI death due to BI	0.02 - 0.8 (0.02) / day
k_4	MA deactivation by IL-10	0.01 - 0.4 (0.08) / day
s_g	IFN- γ production by Natural killer (NK) cells	0 – 1000 (100) pg/ml day
N	carrying capacity of infected macrophages	10 – 100 (20) BI/MI
β	scaling factor of TNF for MR to MA	10^2 – 10^5 (10^2) BT/pg
β_2	scaling factor of BT for TNF- α production by MA	10^{-3} – 10^{-4} (10^{-3})
λ_u	rate of IFN- γ production by CD4+ T cells	1.24×10^{-4} pg/cell day
λ_y	rate of IFN- γ production by CD8+ T cells	1.24×10^{-5} pg/ cell day
λ_x	rate of MHCI activation	0.005266 pg/ cell day

λ_z	rate of MHCII activation	0.010532 pg/ cell day
α_{112}	IL-4 production by CD4+ T cells	$10^{-4} - 9.1 \times 10^{-3} (10^{-4})$ pg/CD4+ day
k_4	deactivation rate of activated macrophages	0.28876 / day
k_{3A}	activated M_1 by INF- γ	0.023415 / day
k_{7av}	IL-10 production rate by infected macrophages	0.50610 pg/ml cell
k_{10}	IL-2 production rate by CD4+ T cells	2.187×10^{-4} pg/ cell day
k_{11}	loss of IL-2 due to proliferation of CD4+ T cells	1.6383×10^{-4} pg/ cell day
c_3	IFN- γ inhibition for deactivation of activated macrophages	3
c_{100}	saturation for T cell proliferation by IL-2	50 pg/ml
c_{7a}	saturation for IL-10 inhibition by IL-10	5000 pg/ml
μ_{T4}	death rate of CD4+ T cells	0.33 / day
μ_{T8}	death rate of CD8+ T cells	0.33 / day
μ_g	decay rate of IFN- γ	2.16 – 33.2 (2.16) / day
a_2	saturation for activation of infected macrophage	50 pg/m
c_{81}	saturation for IL-12 inhibition by IL-10	200 pg/ml
n_2	average number of BI in an activated macrophages	5
n_3	threshold at which a resting macrophage becomes infected	10
μ_{I2}	decay rate of IL-2	1.188/ day
α_{18}	IL-10 production by CD8+ T cells	$10^{-4} - 10^{-3} (2 \times 10^{-2})$ pg/CD8 day

BE, extracellular bacteria; BI, intracellular bacteria; BT, total bacteria; Half-sat, half-saturation;
MA, activated macrophages; MI, infected macrophages; MR, resting macrophages.